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SUBJ: JAPANESE RESPONSE TO ARAB APPROACH ON ME

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1. FONOFF DIRGEN ME AFFAIRS TANAKA CALLED POL COUNS ON OCT 26 TO PROVIDE COPY OF NOTE VERBALE DATED OCT 25 TO AMBASSADOR SAUDI ARABIA (DEAN OF CORPS OF ARAB AMBASSADORS IN JAPAN) RESPONDING TO NOTE FROM TEN ARAB AMBASSADORS OCT 19 (REFTEL). TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS OF FONOFF NOTE FOLLOWS: (ALL UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED).

QTE 1. BASIC ATTITUDE OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TOWARDS CURRENT ME HOSTILITIES HAS ALREADY BEEN CLARIFIED IN STATEMENT DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY
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YAMASHITA OCT 8 AND LETTER OCT 17 FROM AMB

SAITO TO SEC GEN UN. MINISTRY WISHES CLARIFY IT FURTHER, TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ADOPTION BY UNSC OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CESSATION ALL HOSTILITIES AND ACCEPTANCE BY EGYPT, SYRIA, AND ISRAEL.

(1) JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CATEGORICALLY OPPOSES ACQUISITION TERRITORY BY FORCE AND CANNOT THEREFORE RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S PERPETRATION OF OCCUPATION, AND HER ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES SHE ACQUIRED IN WAR 1967. FROM THIS VIEW-POINT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BEEN INSISTING ON EXPEDITIOUS AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION SC RES 242.

(2) IT EXTREMELY DEPLORABLE RECENT RECURRENCE OF HOSTILITIES SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT, ACCOMPANYING MUCH LOSS HUMAN LIVES, IN CONSEQUENCE DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION RES 242 AND PROLONGATION OF UNSETTLED CONDITION OF DISPUTE. JAPAN HAS FULL UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR DESIRE AND EFFORTS ARAB COUNTRIES TO RECOVER THEIR TERRITORIES.

(3) IT GRATIFYING THAT CEASEFIRE HAS BEEN REALIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES ADOPTED BY SC OCT 22. JAPAN ARDENTLY HOPES THAT TO PRECLUDE A RECURRENCE SUCH BLOODSHED, NEGOTIATION FOR COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION SC RES 242 WILL BE IMMEDIATELY STARTED THROUGH INITIATIVE OF UN OR OTHERS AND JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT WILL BE QUICKLY FOUND TO ME PROBLEM.

(4) JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ALSO TAKES POSITION THERE CAN BE NO SETTLEMENT ME PROBLEM WITHOUT EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO PALESTINE PROBLEM AND LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF PEOPLE OF PALESTINE SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED ACCORDING CHARTER UN AND WITHIN FRAMEWORK DECLARATION PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION AMONG STATES. IT THEREFORE VOTED FOR RES CALLING FOR EQUAL RIGHT AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AT GA UN EVERY YEAR SINCE 1971.

2. IN CONFORMITY WITH ABOVE MENTIONED BASIC ATTITUDE, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DESIRES EARNEST EFFORTS OF UN AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MAJOR POWERS WHICH HAVE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE OF REGION, IN ORDER THAT JUST AND LASTING PEACE BROUGHT ABOUT IN ME, AND INTENDS MAKE UTMOST CONTRIBUTION TO ATTAINMENT THAT END, BY KEEPING CLOSE CONTACT WITH COUNTRIES CONCERNED IN AND OUT OF UN. IT ALSO INTENDS CONTINUE TO ENDEAVOUR INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA FOR RELIEF OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, WHILE EXTENDING AS MUCH ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

AS POSSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ARAB COUNTRIES. UNQTE.

2. IN COMMENTING ON FONOFF NOTE, TANAKA RECOUNTED INTENSIVE INTRA-MURAL DEBATE WITHIN FONOFF CONCERNING QUESTIONS OF TIMING AND SUBSTANCE OF GOJ RESPONSE TO ARAB'S APPROACH. TANAKA EMPHASIZED THAT ARAB PRESSURE HAS BEEN MOUNTING STEADILY. CULMINATION OF RECENT EVENTS, PARTICULARLY DESIGNATION OF JAPAN AS QTE ENEMY UNQTE STATE FINALLY PERSUADED FONOFF THAT WRITTEN QTE CLARIFICATION UNQTE OF GOJ POSITION AFTER CEASEFIRE NECESSARY. SAUDI AMBASSADOR THEREFORE CALLED IN BY HOGEN OCT 26 AND GIVEN ABOVE NOTE.

3. TANAKA SAID SAUDI AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED VIEW ARABS WOULD STILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH GOU POSITION. HE NOTED LACK OF SPECIFIC JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR ARAB POSITION ON TERRITORIES AND JAPANESE CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PROVISIONS OF UNSC RES.

4. IN CONCLUDING TANAKA SAID FONOFF NOT SURPRISED THAT ARABS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH GOJ POSITION. THEY EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PRESSURE, BUT DECISION WAS MADE, PARTICULARLY ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE, NOT TO MOVE FURTHER BEYOND RES 242 QTE AT THIS TIME UNQTE.

5. TANAKA SAID TEXT OF FONOFF NOTE AND INSTRUCTIONS RE CURRENT JAPANESE POSITIONS HAS BEEN CABLED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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